# Zigana Pass

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Coordinates: 40°38′56.4″N 39°23′34.08″E

The **Zigana Pass** (Turkish: *Zigana Geçidi*) is a mountain pass situated on the Pontic Mountains in Gümüşhane Province close to its border with Trabzon Province in northeastern Turkey. The pass, at 2,032 m (6,667 ft) above sea level, is on the route D.885 D.885 E.97 E 97 at a distance of 60 km (37 mi) from Gümüşhane and 120 km (75 mi) from Trabzon at the Black Sea coast. The pass is snow-covered five months a year.[1]

The Zigana Tunnel under the pass, at an elevation of 1,795 m (5,889 ft) above sea level, is 1,702 m (5,584 ft) long, 11 m (36 ft) wide and has a maximum height of 8 m (26 ft). It is one of longest tunnels in the country.[2]

The namesake village of Zigana, located 3.5 km (2.2 mi) southwest of the tunnel, is a popular ski-resort.[1]

Nearby Lake Limni is reachable on foot by a 3 m (9.8 ft) trail or by car on a 11 m (36 ft) paved road via Kalkanlı village.[3]

On 25 January 2009, an avalanche killed 11 hikers on Mount Zigana.[4]

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| **Elevation** | 2,032 m (6,667 ft) |
| **Traversed by** | Route D.885 D.885 E.97 E 97 |
| **Location** | Gümüşhane Province, Turkey |
| **Range** | Pontic Mountains |
| **Coordinates** | 40°38′56.4″N 39°23′34.08″E |

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